

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: September 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Requesting Approval of the Executive Steering Committee's Proposed Grant Allocations for the Evidence-Based Practices to Improve Public Safety Project in the Approximate Amount of \$1 million to Probation Departments of Sonoma, Contra Costa, Mono, Mariposa, and Tulare Counties

AGENDA ITEM: E

RESOURCE PERSON: Colleen Stoner

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

Summary:

This agenda item requests approval of grant awards for the Evidence-Based Practices to Improve Public Safety (EBP-TIPS) Project, as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) and approved by the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) at its meeting on September 11, 2013. Approximately \$1 million of federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funding is available for probation departments that are prepared to participate in a system change approach in implementing or expanding the use of evidence-based practices (EBP) within their local juvenile justice communities. County probation departments were allowed to request up to \$250,000 for the two-year period of the project, which is set to begin October 1, 2013.

Background:

At the November 8, 2012 meeting, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) authorized staff to assemble an ESC to oversee the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) using approximately \$1 million in JABG funds to support local probation departments that are prepared to participate in a system change approach in implementing or expanding the use of EBP within their local juvenile justice communities. Funding through this competitive RFP process will be used by local probation departments that need additional technical assistance or resources to support the effective implementation of EBP including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Assessment tools
- ✓ Data collection
- ✓ Programming
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Evaluation

The Board appointed SACJJDP member, Carlos Rivera to serve as Chair of the ESC. Five other subject matter experts also participated on this ESC, which met in March 2013 to discuss project development, eligibility, funding amounts, and rating criteria. At the May 2013 BSCC meeting, the Board authorized the release of the RFP to the field. The RFP was sent to County Probation Departments and placed on the Department of General Services Grants Registry, as well as on the

BSCC Web site. In July 2013, the BSCC staff received seven proposals in response to the RFP. The ESC subsequently rated these proposals and the funding recommendations are provided in the list of grant awards before you today for your approval (Attachment A).

Recommended Action Needed:

Staff is recommending the BSCC approve the recommended list of grant awards for the EBP-TIPS Project as identified in Attachment A.

Resource Person:

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